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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT:

COCOM List Review (C)

The United States will soon be participating in a major review at the COORDINATING COMMITTEE (COCOM) of the List of sensitive technology controlled to the Soviet Union, Warsaw Pact and other proscribed destinations. (C)

A main purpose in this review will be to assure that technology important to the Warsaw Pact military effort is effectively denied. This means that, wherever possible, we need to eliminate loopholes and gaps in the coverage of the COCOM control List and, where necessary, tighten the use of exception procedures. We need to put into practice the guidance of the recent High Level COCOM meeting, as well as reinforce the Versailles communique, so that strategic goods are firmly controlled during the duration of the agreed-on List, usually three to four years. Only in this way will we safeguard our own military advantage and prevent the strengthening of military-priority industries in the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact. (C)

In addition, we need to back up our COCOM negotiations with highlevel political intervention in capitals, both prior to as well as during the List review process, to assure our goal can be achieved. (C)

A major objective of our proposals at COCOM should be to strengthen the coverage of COCOM controls. In addition, we should propose to strengthen COCOM organizationally and assure that our representatives at COCOM have all the logistical support needed to complete their mission successfully. (C)

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As you are aware, the President has expressed his continuing concern about the loss of U.S., Western, and Japanese know-how to Bloc countries. Request that the U.S. strategy for the COCOM negotiations be provided for the President's review and approval. (U)

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